

Receipt date: 01/03/2006

IAP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 03 JAN 2006  
PTO/SB/08a (08-03)  
10563136 - GAU: 3618

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

## **Complete if Known**

Application Number	(Natl. phase of PCT/JP04/08694)
Filing Date	(Herewith) 11/5/99
First Named Inventor	Takeshi HOSHIBA
Art Unit	(Unassigned)
Examiner Name	(Unassigned)
Attorney Docket Number	12699/34

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	1	US-5,936,312	08/10/99	KOIDE et al.	
	2	US-5,804,947	09/08/98	NII et al.	
	3	US-6,087,734	07/11/00	MAEDA et al.	
	4	US-5,907,191	05/25/99	SASAKI et al.	
	5	US-6,470,983 B1	10/29/02	AMANO et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	1	JP 11-055810	02/26/99	TOYOTA MOTOR CORP		
	2	EP 0 903 259 A2	03/24/99	HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KK		
	3	EP 0 943 475 A2	09/22/99	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.		
	4	EP 1 092 581 A2	04/18/01	TOYOTA JIDOSHA KK		

Examiner Signature	/John Walters/	Date Considered	05/11/2009
-----------------------	----------------	--------------------	------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. #496699

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /JDW/